

CONGRESSMAN GONZALEZ HOSTS JOB FAIR TO SPUR LOCAL JOB CREATION

San Antonio, TX - Today, Congressman Charles Gonzalez (TX – 20) hosted a job fair to help out-of-work San Antonians find good-paying jobs in the community. This event is part of the Congressman's efforts to put Americans back to work while rebuilding our local economy.

"By bringing together top employers with the community's job-seekers who are willing and able, we are building the bridge between jobs and our local workforce" said Congressman Gonzalez. "This event has helped skilled workers connect with jobs available now, which will put dollars right back into our local economy."

Over 60 employers and nearly two thousand job seekers convened at today's jobs fair at the Workforce Solutions Alamo Career Center. The attendees included the Department of Homeland Security, Kohl's and Zachry Construction Company. Participants seeking employment were able to apply for jobs, meet with local employers, and receive advice from professionals in the industry.

"After 8 years of failed policies that lost 8 million jobs, we were dealt with a serious blow which will take our entire country's collective effort to overcome," said Congressman Gonzalez. "The good news is that we have had positive job growth since then, but we must continue to pursue successful policies and not those that will lead us down the same path. This job fair was about a community coming together to pair our workers with potential employers."

House Democrats have already accomplished a lot to create jobs and spur economic growth. Most recently, they passed the Jobs for Main Street Act, which makes targeted investments in areas that will grow our economy over the long term, including highways, public transit, construction, small businesses, job training and hiring and retaining teachers, police officers, firefighters. They also enacted the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which has created and saved more than 3.6 million jobs, with about half the funds still to be spent into the economy. They extended unemployment insurance benefits to provide immediate relief to workers hit hardest by the recession and put money directly into local economies, and we improved lending and new tax breaks for small businesses—the engines of job growth in America.

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